GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED OPERATIONS CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has opened an Integrated Operations Centre (IOC) to obviate delays in management of man made crisis like riots that threat internal security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main functions of this centre and the benefits likely to be accrued to States by this centre;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation on these lines;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether such centres are likely to be opened in each State; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. The Control Room in the Ministry of Home Affairs has been upgraded as an Integrated Operations Centre (IOC) for effective and quick response in matters relating to internal security and disaster management. The IOC has been upgraded by providing additional facilities which include multiple site video and audio conferencing, high class digital light projection system, map display system, intelligent rear projection system, flat panel TV monitors, remote control console, access control etc. The IOC has multiple communication links such as satellite based NICNET, SPACENET, etc. and aims to interconnect the Emergency Operation Centres of States and command centres of organizations like India Meteorological Department, Geological Survey of India, Central Water Commission, National Remote Sensing Agency and Department of Ocean Development.

(d)&(e): It has been decided to enact a Central Law on Disaster Management which will inter alia include measures for providing emergency communication in vulnerable or affected areas.

(f)&(g): The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to set up multi-hazard resistant operation centers at the State and District levels. The State Governments have also been allowed to utilize upto 10% of the annual allocation under the Calamity Relief Fund for procurement of search & rescue and communication equipment.